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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition of Anne M. Gobi and Robert L. Hedlund relative to the operation of motorcycles in the breakdown lane during heavy traffic periods. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Anne M. Gobi	Todd M. Smola
Robert L. Hedlund	Mark J. Carron
William G. Greene, Jr.	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
Elizabeth A. Poirier	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEASONAL TRAFFIC RELIEF FOR MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4A of chapter 89, as so appearing in the  
2 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of  
3 said section the following new paragraph:—

4 When traffic is stopped or slowed to less than ten miles per  
5 hour, a motorcycle operator may:

6 (a) Overtake and pass slowed or stopped vehicles by use of a  
7 breakdown and/or access lane, at a speed not to exceed twenty  
8 miles per hour;

9 (b) When using a breakdown lane and/or access lane under  
10 these circumstances, the operator of the motorcycle must yield to  
11 emergency vehicles and disabled vehicles.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as  
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said  
3 section the following new paragraph:—

4 When traffic is stopped or slowed to less than ten miles per  
5 hour, a motorcycle operator may:—

- 6 (a) Overtake and pass slowed or stopped vehicles by use of a  
7 breakdown and/or access lane, at a speed not to exceed twenty  
8 miles per hour;  
9 (b) When using a breakdown lane and/or access lane under  
10 these circumstances, the operator of the motorcycle must yield to  
11 emergency vehicles and disabled vehicles.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4B of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as  
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said  
3 section the following new paragraph:-

4 When traffic is stopped or slowed to less than ten miles per  
5 hour, a motorcycle operator may:—

- 6 (a) Overtake and pass slowed or stopped vehicles by use of a  
7 breakdown and/or access lane, at a speed not to exceed twenty  
8 miles per hour;  
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10 these circumstances, the operator of the motorcycle must yield to  
11 emergency vehicles and disabled vehicles.